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Dear Sir

We have had in this Inst. for some years past several Benevolent Societies besides that for Inquiry, such as Temperance, Grad. Bethel, Bible &c. To keep up a proper interest in all the meetings of these various Societies we have found a very difficult matter, and have been led to enquire whether they might not all be merged in the Soc for Inq. In this matter we wish to act advisedly and therefore to inform ourselves in respect to the constitution of similar Societies in other Institutions.

We therefore desire you to favor us with such information as may be necessary to us in regard to such Societies in your Seminary. Whether the Societies above mentioned exist, as also Eastern & Western Associations, or whether all these interests are embraced in the Soc. for Inq. and if so a brief statement of the principles upon which that Soc. is formed. If you publish an Annual Report of the Soc. for Inq that might contain most of the information desired. We are aware this is imposing quite a burden upon you but we hope the interest you feel in the general cause of Benevolence will be a sufficient apology.

I am very respectfully yours, In behalf of Soc. for Inq. J. O. Edwards

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